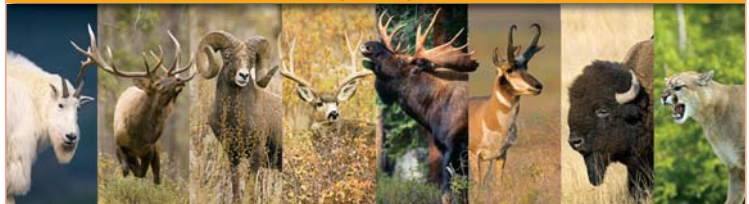


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F&W Commission Adopted

These regulations are adopted under the authority granted to the Fish & Wildlife Commission (F&W Commission) in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2015, through February 29, 2016. These regulations were adopted by the F&W Commission on February 12, 2015. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. M. Jeff Hagener, Director.

Discrimination Prohibited – State and Federal laws, Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or disability. Anyone believing he or she has been discriminated against (as described above) in any Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) program, activity, or facility may write to FWP Personnel Office, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701 or the office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Reminders for 2015

- The deadline to purchase all SuperTag chances is **July 2**.
- Special Considerations for Hunters with a Disability and Youth Hunters, pages 46-47.
- Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat and Bison applicants are no longer required to submit the entire license fee with their applications. Residents will now pay a \$10 nonrefundable application fee for each species and then pay the full license fee of \$125 if successful. Nonresidents will pay a \$50 nonrefundable fee per species and pay the full license fee of \$750 if successful.

What's New? Highlights

The following changes for the 2015 hunting season are only highlights.

Bighorn Sheep

- HD 315 - Tendoy Mountains: Bighorn sheep hunting opportunities may be offered later this year depending on analysis and approval of a proposed depopulation and restocking project.

2015 Season Dates

These dates represent the "general" season dates. Check the individual hunting district regulations for the most accurate season dates and regulations.

Big Game

Antelope	
900 series	Aug 15–Nov 8
archery	Sept 5–Oct 9
general	Oct 10–Nov 8
Bighorn Sheep	
archery	Sept 5–Sept 14
general	Sept 15–Nov 29
Bison	Nov 15–Feb 15, 2016
Black bear	
spring	Apr 15–Various (May 31–June 15)
archery	Sept 5–Sept 14
fall	Sept 15–Nov 29
Deer & Elk	
archery	Sept 5–Oct 18
youth, two-day hunt;	
deer only	Oct 15–Oct 16
general	Oct 24–Nov 29
backcountry – HDs 150, 151, 280, 316*	
archery	Sept 5–Sept 14
general	Sept 15–Nov 29
Moose	Sept 15–Nov 29
Mountain Goat	Sept 15–Nov 29
Mountain Lion	
archery	Sept 5–Oct 18
fall	Oct 24–Nov 29
winter	Dec 1–Apr 14, 2016

Upland Game Birds

Mountain Grouse	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2016
Partridge	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2016
Pheasant	Oct 10–Jan 1, 2016
Sage Grouse	TBA
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2016
Turkey	
spring	Apr 11–May 17
fall	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2016

* HD 316 does not have an Archery Only Season

2015 Application/Purchase Deadlines

Big Game

Antelope	June 1
Bighorn Sheep	May 1
Bison	May 1
Black Bear	
spring	Apr 14*
fall	Aug 31*
Deer & Elk	
special permits	Mar 16
special licenses	June 1
Moose	May 1
Mountain Goat	May 1
Mountain Lion	
general license	Aug 31*
special limited entry	Aug 13*
Super Tags	
Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison, Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat and Mountain Lion	July 2

Upland Game, Migratory and Webless Migratory Birds

Crane	July 30
Swan	Sept 3
Turkey	
spring	Mar 5
fall	July 30

*see species-specific regulations for license purchase restrictions.

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Laws and Regulations

These regulations contain information to safely and legally participate in Montana's Moose, Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat hunting opportunities.



Hunters who hunt legally and responsibly keep Montana's hunting traditions alive.



Don't risk losing the privilege of hunting in Montana.

**Be Safe
Be Legal
Be Responsible!**

Hunter Land Access

Hunters, it is your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply.

Fishing Access Sites

Many of Montana's fishing access sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at fwp.mt.gov/recreation/visitFwpSite.html for site specific information opportunities and restrictions.

Private Land

- Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land.
- Even if the land is not posted, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property.
- Access to public lands through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.
- See page 47 for information on FWP's Block Management Program.

Montana State Parks: Some of Montana's state parks provide hunting opportunities; however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Park website at stateparks.mt.gov for site specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

Off-Road Travel and Game Retrieval

- While hunting on private property, a person may not drive off established roads or trails without landowner permission.
- Off-road travel on public land, including game retrieval, is prohibited unless designated as open. Consult appropriate land agency or land map for specifics.
- All federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana are hereby adopted by the F&W Commission.

Public Land

- Public lands closed to hunting include:
 - National Parks
 - National Wildlife Refuge lands except those areas designated open to public hunting.
- For hunting opportunities on federal lands such as U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Bureau of Land Management, inquire at the local federal office.

Railroad Access

Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

State Game Preserves

State game preserves may or may not be open to hunting. See Restricted Area Descriptions.

State School Trust Lands

- A \$2 fee paid when you purchase your conservation license provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to legally accessible State School Trust Lands.
- Overnight (2 night) camping is allowed within 200 feet of a legal access point.
- Horses may not be kept on State School Trust Lands overnight.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open.
- Game retrieval is by foot or horse only.
- No open fires are allowed except in designated campground fire pits.
- Firearms may not be discharged within one-quarter mile of an inhabited dwelling or outbuilding without permission of the inhabitant.
- Additional information is available from FWP or contact DNRC at 406-444-2074.

State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

FWP's Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the big game hunting season. WMAs with big game winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to noon on May 15 each year, as posted.

Exception: There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA specific information, please call the Regional office (see page 49 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website at:

<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/wma/>

Stream Access

Big game hunting between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers is illegal without adjacent landowner permission.

Tribal Land

Big Game hunting by Non-Tribal members on Indian Reservations is prohibited by the State of Montana unless it is provided for in a cooperative agreement between the Tribal Government and the State of Montana. Check with local Tribal Government before attempting to hunt on an Indian Reservation. See "Contacts Outside Montana FWP" on page 49.

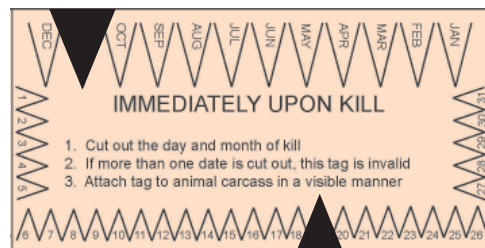
License and Permit Possession

- Licenses and permits must be carried on your person at all times while in the field hunting.
- Licenses and permits must be produced if requested by FWP Enforcement personnel.

Procedures to Follow After Harvesting an Animal

License Validation and Tagging

- Immediately after killing a game animal, a hunter must cut out the proper month and day of the kill from the appropriate license and attach it to the animal in a secure and visible manner.
- To properly validate a license (sometimes referred to as a tag):
 - the triangles denoting the month and day the animal was killed must be completely removed. Tearing, slicing or punching the tag is not legal.



- The properly validated license must remain with the meat (including cold storage) until consumed. If quartered, the license should remain with the largest portion of the carcass.

Evidence Required of Game Animal's Sex and Species

- It is illegal to possess or transport the carcass of any big game animal unless evidence of the animal's sex and species remains naturally attached to its carcass or a portion of the carcass.
- Evidence of an animal's sex and species must remain naturally attached until the carcass:
 - Is at the final place of storage; or
 - Is cut and wrapped in serving size; or
 - Is at a commercial meat processing facility; or
 - Is at a licensed taxidermist.
- If the head or antlers are removed, evidence of sex in the form of testicles, penis, scrotum, udder or vulva must remain naturally attached. For example, boned out or quartered animals need evidence of sex naturally attached to a portion of the meat.

Methods & Means of Hunting

Firearms: During the General Season:

- There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation for the taking of big game animals.
- Muzzleloaders, shotguns, archery equipment, and crossbows are legal.
- The possession of firearms with silencers while afield is illegal while hunting game animals as defined by state statute.

Archery Equipment

During the Archery Only Season and in archery equipment only (ArchEquip Only) areas:

- It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of wildlife.
- Lawful Archery Equipment: It is illegal to possess, while hunting big game during any archery only season and in archery equipment only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria:
 - Hunting Bow: A hunting bow for big game shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs.
 - The bow must be a device for launching an arrow which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).
 - The bow must be hand drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted pulling action of the shooter. The bowstring must be moved from brace height to the full draw position by the muscle power of the shooter's body. The energy used to propel the arrow shall not be derived from any other source such as

hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, or similar devices. These limitations shall not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams, so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous, and direct pulling effort by the shooter.

- The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow and the other hand draw the bowstring. The bowstring must be moved and/or held at all points in the draw cycle entirely by muscle power of the shooter until release. The bowstring must be released as a direct and conscious action of the shooter, either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a hand-held release aid.

Exception: Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.

- A bow is considered legal if it is at least 28 inches in total length.
- The nominal percent of let-off for hunting bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent. It is recognized that variations in draw length and/or draw weight can affect the percent of let-off on compound bows. For these reasons minor variations in let-off are acceptable.
- Arrow: An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.
- A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.
- The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.
- Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges. Expandable broadheads are legal as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inches at the widest point, and weigh no less than 70 grains.

• The following are not considered a hunting bow or legal archery equipment during the Archery Only Season or in an ArchEquip Only area or hunting district:

- Crossbow.
- Any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power.
- Any bow for which a portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow's riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height. This is not intended

to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.

- Electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow.
- A bow sight or arrow which uses artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics.

Weapons Restriction Areas

Weapons restrictions are in effect in some hunting districts. Such restrictions are stated in the license/permit description and/or with a specific date range.

The following equipment restrictions apply only to Weapons Restriction Areas:

Muzzleloader

- must not be capable of being loaded from the breech of the barrel;
- may not be loaded with any pre-prepared paper or metallic cartridges;
- must be charged with black powder, pyrodex, or an equivalent;
- must be ignited by a percussion, flintlock, matchlock, or wheellock mechanism;
- must be a minimum of .45 caliber;
- may have no more than two barrels; and
- must only use plain lead projectiles. Sabots or other similar power and range-enhancing manufactured loads that enclose the projectile from the rifling or bore of the firearm are prohibited. "Skirts" or gas checks on the base of a projectile are acceptable.

Traditional Handguns

- are not capable of being shoulder mounted;
- have a barrel length of less than 10 ½ inches;
- chamber only a straight wall cartridge, not originally developed for rifles.

Shotgun: Must be a shouldered, breech-loaded or muzzle-loaded firearm with a smooth bore and/or rifled barrel and/or rifled choke device designed to fire shot or slugs.

Archery: See legal archery equipment in this section.

Crossbows

Legal in weapons restriction areas unless exception noted in specific hunting district regulations.

Prohibited Methods of Hunting

Airplane Spotting

Aircraft may not be used to locate big game animals for the purpose of:

- Hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a person has been airborne or;
- Providing information for another person for the purpose of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after being airborne.
- The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) for the purpose of locating, spotting or hunting big game, upland birds or other species under the management authority of FWP during commission-established hunting seasons is prohibited.

Artificial Light: It is illegal for anyone to take or attempt to take any game animal or game bird with the aid of projected artificial light.

Baiting

- It is illegal for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare or set gun.
- Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

Dogs: Montana law states that a person may not use dogs to hunt or chase game animals. Dogs may be utilized to recover or locate wounded big game.

Game Calls: It is illegal to use a recorded or electrically amplified game call to hunt big game.

Motion-Tracking or Camera Devices

It is illegal for a person to possess or use in the field any electronic or camera device whose purpose is to scout the location of game animals or relay the information on a game animal's location or movement during any Commission-adopted hunting season.

Motorized Vehicles

It is illegal for anyone to:

- hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird: from any self propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. Even if the vehicle is not moving, hunters must be off or out of the vehicle. Holders of Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle are the exception to this.
- use a motorized vehicle or aircraft to concentrate, drive, rally, stir-up, corral, or harass game animals.
- operate, on public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval). Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.

Night Vision Equipment

It is illegal to use night vision equipment or electronically enhanced light gathering optics for locating or hunting game.

Public Roadways

It is illegal for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird: on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, in the State of Montana, as per Montana law).

Two-way Communication

Two-way electronic communication (radios, cell phones, text messages, etc.) may not be used to:

- hunt game animals or upland game birds, migratory birds or furbearers as defined in Montana law ("Hunt" means to "pursue, shoot, wound, kill, chase, lure, possess or capture."), or
- avoid game checking stations or FWP enforcement personnel, or to facilitate illegal activity.

The rule does not prohibit the possession or use of two-way communication for safety or other legitimate purposes.

Waste of Game

- Hunters, or persons in possession of a game animal or game animal parts, are prohibited from wasting or rendering unfit for human consumption, any part of a game animal that is defined as "suitable for food".
- For big game animals (excluding mountain lions and wolves) all of the four quarters above the hock, including loin and backstrap are considered suitable for food.

General Regulations

It is illegal to:

- Party hunt: Each hunter must shoot and tag his/her own animal.
- Use a license issued to another person.
- Carry or have physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location where the species to be hunted occurs. Exception: a person may carry or have control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person.
- Alter a license or permit for any reason.
- Post, place signs or mark state or federal land other than that done by a state or federal land agency.
- Interfere/hinder with the lawful taking of a game animal.

Antler/Horn/Skull Possession

Individuals may possess, transport, sell, or purchase naturally shed antlers, or the antlers with a skull or portion of a skull attached from a game animal that has died from natural causes and that has not been illegally killed. Carcasses and parts of elk, deer, antelope and moose killed in vehicular collisions may be taken and possessed but only with a Vehicle-Killed Wildlife Salvage Permit. No other game animals may be salvaged by this permit. It is illegal to possess a bighorn sheep head/horn picked up in the wild.

Check Stations

All hunters and anglers are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting and fishing areas, even if they have no game or fish to be checked.

Marked or Radio-Collared Animals

It is legal to shoot game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers, but markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP Office.

Furbearer Traps

- It is illegal to disturb traps or trapped animals. Traps and trapped animals are the property of the trap owner.
- Hunters may not shoot trapped animals.

Glandular Scents

- Natural or artificial glandular scents may be used by licensed hunters to attract game animals or game birds by spraying or pouring the scent on the ground or other objects.
- Hunters may not create a scent station where the scent continues to be dispensed without the hunter's direct action, such as an automatic device, which drips or otherwise continues to dispense scent.
- No scents other than glandular may be used for attracting animals, but other scents may be used to mask human odor.

Hunter Orange Requirement

Firearm Hunters

Any person hunting or accompanying a hunter as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times (see exception below).

Archery Hunters

A licensed bowhunter pursuing bighorn sheep during the Archery Only Season or in archery only hunting district is not required to meet the hunter orange requirement even if there is a concurrent firearm season in that hunting district or portion of district. However, bowhunters hunting during any portion of the general (firearm) season for moose, bighorn sheep, and/or mountain goat must always wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) above the waist, visible at all times.

Hunting Hours

Authorized hunting hours for the taking of big game animals begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset tables listed at the end of these regulations.

Incidental Harvest Resulting in an Illegally Taken Animal

If you or a member of your hunting party shoots an animal that results in an illegally taken animal, you should notify an FWP warden or 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668) immediately and follow their instructions.

- Do NOT transport the animal until you've received instructions.

Inspection of Wildlife

Wildlife taken must be shown to FWP enforcement for inspection when requested.

Kill Site Verification

As a condition of hunting in Montana, if requested to do so by an FWP warden, you are required to return to the kill site.

Littering

A person convicted of littering while hunting, fishing, trapping or camping may lose his or her license and privileges to hunt, fish, trap, or camp within Montana for a period of one year.

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV):

- Examples of an OHV include but are not limited to: motorcycles, quadricycles (also known as 4-wheelers), dune buggies, amphibious vehicles, air cushion vehicles, and any other means of land transportation deriving motive power from any source other than muscle or wind.
- In order to operate an OHV on public lands, the OHV must have a valid/current registration and display an OHV decal.
- Nonresidents must register their OHV in their home state or purchase a temporary Off-Highway Vehicle Use permit from Montana FWP. The permit is \$5 and expires on December 31 of the year issued.
- OHV permits may be purchased from some FWP License Providers, some Vendors (such as a private OHV dealership), or online at app.mt.gov/als.

Outfitters and Guides: It is illegal to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2300.

Predators and Nongame Hunting

- Predators and nongame species are unprotected by federal and/or state law or regulation and can be hunted in Montana year-round without a license by both resident and nonresident hunters. A conservation license, or a state school trust lands recreational use license is required to hunt predators and nongame species on state school trust lands. Permission must be obtained to hunt predators and nongame species on private land.
- **Predators** are classified as coyote, weasel, (striped) skunk, and civet cat (spotted skunk).
- **Nongame species** are defined as any wild animal not otherwise legally classified by statute or regulation in Montana. Examples include badger, raccoon, red fox, hares, rabbits, ground squirrels, marmots, tree squirrels, porcupine, and prairie dog.
- **Furbearers** are protected game species that may only be taken by residents with a valid trapping license during prescribed open seasons. State classified furbearers include beaver, otter, muskrat, mink, marten, fisher, wolverine, bobcat, lynx, and swift fox.

Restitution for Illegally Taken Wildlife

- Under Montana law, a person convicted, or who was charged and forfeited bond or bail, of illegally killing, taking, or possessing game animals shall reimburse the state. Current law sets the amount of restitution for a trophy animal as:

Bighorn Sheep	\$30,000
Elk	\$ 8,000
Antlered Deer	\$ 8,000
Moose	\$ 6,000
Mountain Goat	\$ 6,000
Antelope	\$ 2,000
Grizzly Bear*	\$ 8,000

(*no authorized hunting season)

- The law specifically outlines minimum standards for a trophy under this regulation, but authorizes the F&W Commission to adopt more specific criteria.

- For the purpose of assessing restitution for illegally taken trophy wildlife under Montana law, the following are considered "trophy" animals:

- **Antelope:** With at least one horn greater than 14 inches in length, as measured along the outside curve from base to tip.

- **Elk:** Must meet all three criteria: 1) At least six points on one antler, 2) A main beam length on each antler of at least 43 inches, and 3) An inside spread of at least 36 inches.

OR

Any elk with at least one six point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 320 points or greater.

- **Mule Deer:** Must meet all three criteria: 1) At least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine), 2) A main beam length on each side of at least 21 inches, and 3) A greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 20 inches.

OR

Any mule deer with at least one four-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 160 points or greater.

- **White-tailed Deer:** Must meet all three criteria: 1) At least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine), 2) A main beam length on each side of at least 20 inches, and 3) A greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 16 inches.

OR

Any white-tailed deer with at least one four-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 140 points or greater.

- A "point" as defined in these regulations is at least four inches long for elk and at least one inch long for deer, measured from base to tip. Boone & Crockett (B&C) measuring procedures or standards are used for criteria measurement. The official measurements for the purpose of this regulation are those that are taken at the time of confiscation or seizure of the trophy. Any B&C measurements will be considered final when taken by an official B&C scorer, regardless of drying time. If the skullcap of antlers or horns is broken in such a manner to render an official B&C score invalid, three official B&C scorers will estimate a score. The three scores will be averaged and the average score used to determine trophy status in accordance with Montana law.

Simulated Wildlife

It is illegal to discharge a firearm or other hunting implement at a simulated wildlife decoy in violation of any state statute or F&W Commission rule regulating the hunting of the wildlife being simulated.

Transport of Wildlife

- An individual other than the license holder may transport properly tagged animals that comply with the "Evidence of Sex Requirements" and that were lawfully taken by the license holder. If you have specific questions please contact FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452.
- All shippers of fish, game or nongame birds, game animals, fur-bearing animals, the skins of fur-bearing animals or predatory animals, or parts thereof are required to label all packages offered for shipment by parcel post or common carrier (airlines or UPS, etc.). The label must be securely attached to the address of the package and shall plainly indicate the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee and the complete contents of the package. It is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act to transport an illegally taken game animal across state boundaries.
- It is illegal to ship, possess, or take out of state illegally killed game, game-birds, and/or furbearers. If you are transporting lawfully taken wildlife (including parts and/or products of live or dead animals) between Montana and Canada or between the United States and any foreign country, whether for commercial or noncommercial purposes, you must complete a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Declaration Form 3-177. Form 3-177 is available at all United States customs ports and on the USFWS website at www.fws.gov. For further information contact the USFWS Wildlife Inspector at 406-335-4350.
- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's wildlife division.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

- CWD has not been detected in free-ranging deer, elk, or moose in Montana.
- As of October 2014 and because of concerns about the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), the following states and provinces have instituted regulations prohibiting the import of certain deer, elk, or moose carcass parts: the states of Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Yukon.
- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's wildlife division.
- It is unlawful to transport into Montana the whole carcass or certain carcass parts of white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk from states or provinces with documented occurrences of CWD in wild populations or on private game farms. Those states and provinces currently include Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.
- Only the following carcass parts may be transported into Montana from those states:
 - Meat that is cut and wrapped.
 - Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.
 - Meat that has been boned out.
 - Hides with no heads attached.
 - Clean (no meat or tissue attached) skull plates with antlers attached.
 - Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
 - Upper canine teeth, also known as "buglers", "whistlers" or "ivories".
 - Finished head, partial body or whole body mounts already prepared by a taxidermist.
- Keep in mind that "Evidence of Sex Requirements" must always be met when transporting any of these parts back into Montana.

Restricted Area Descriptions

Restricted area descriptions include both Closed Areas and Weapons Restricted Areas. It is your responsibility to know that you are in a legal hunting area.

Beattie Gulch: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice: US Forest Service lands located in the following sections north of Yellowstone National Park in Beattie Gulch, Sec. 7 & 8, T9S, R8E and Sections 12 & 13, T9S, R7E.

BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge: The BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge is closed to hunting.

Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge: Closed to hunting of big game.

Brinkman Game Preserve: The S1/2 Section 7, and E1/2, NE1/4 Section 7, and S1/2 Section 8, and NW 1/4 Section 8, S1/2 Section 9, S1/2 and E1/2, NE 1/4 Section 10. All of sections 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 35, 36; all in T29N, R7E, M.P.M. Liberty County.

Canyon Ferry WMA: Closed to hunting of big game except as designated under hunting regulations. Section 28 and 33, and W 1/2 of W 1/2 Section 34, T8N, R2E, Sections 4, 8, W1/2 and W1/2 of the E1/2 Section 9, NW1/4 Section 16, Sections 17, 18, 19, 20 and N1/2 Section 30, T7N, R2E, E1/2 of E1/2 Section 11, Section 12, E1/2 of NW1/4 and E1/2 Section 13 and E1/2 of E1/2 Section 24, T7N, R1E.

CMR National Wildlife Refuge-Slippery Ann Elk Viewing Area: Closed to all hunting per refuge regulation. Portions of Section 36, T22N, R24E and Sections 31 and 32, T22N, R25E.

Cooke City Moose Closure Area: Beginning at the point where U.S. Highway 212 crosses, the Montana-Yellowstone National Park boundary, then north along said boundary to a point one-half mile north of U. S. Highway 212, then east along a line one-half mile north of said highway and parallel to said highway to the Montana-Wyoming border, then west along this border to the Montana-Yellowstone National Park boundary, then north to the point of beginning.

Deckard Flats: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice: Beginning at the junction of Yellowstone National Park and Bear Creek, then northeasterly up said creek to the intersection with Palmer Creek, then easterly for 1/10 mile up said creek, then southeasterly to posted line, then southeasterly and easterly along posted line to the intersection with Yellowstone National Park boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the intersection with Bear Creek, the point of beginning.

East Ovando Archery-only Area: Those portions of Powell County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 200 with the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, then southwest along said river to the Ovando-Helmville Road, then northwesterly along said Road to Ovando and State Route 200, then easterly along said Route to the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, the point of beginning.

Mountain Goat Specific Information

Licenses and General Information

- An applicant who receives a mountain goat license is not eligible to apply for or receive another license for mountain goat for the following 7 years (see reference chart).
- License holders may legally take one mountain goat subject to all specifications on the license issued.

7 Year Wait	
Year License Drawn	Year May Reapply
2008	2016
2009	2017
2010	2018
2011	2019
2012	2020
2013	2021
2014	2022

Mountain Goat License Auction

- Legislation authorizes the F&W Commission to provide for the auction of one mountain goat license each year. This license authorizes the hunter to take an either-sex mountain goat in any district of his/her choice. This license is not a part of the seasons proposed, and if this license holder is successful, the mountain goat will not be counted against the district quota. License holders may hunt only in areas open to mountain goat hunting.
- The auction is held annually during the winter by a conservation organization that is preselected by the F&W Commission.
- Hunting is authorized for the next hunting season, not the current year's hunting season.
- Money raised through the license auction is used for management of mountain goat.

Mountain Goat Mandatory Reporting Requirements

A hunter harvesting a mountain goat must present the complete head with horns attached or the top portion of the skull with horns attached to a department official within 10 days of the date of kill. See page 49 for FWP office phone numbers.

Mountain Goat HD Regulations

Residents are eligible to apply for any of the following licenses. Nonresidents are restricted to certain districts. Nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed 10 percent of a region's quota. **Districts where nonresidents may apply are listed on the moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat nonresident application, but may change when final quotas are set in July.**

-- 100 Cabinet Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

100-20: 6 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 101 West Cabinet Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

101-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 131 Mission Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

131-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 132 Swan-Salmon --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

132-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 133 Swan-Clearwater --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

133-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 134 Swan-Bunker --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

134-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 140 Great Northern --

Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 16-18): BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

140-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 141 Lower Middle Fork --

Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 16-18): BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

141-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 142 Upper Middle Fork --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

142-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 150 Continental Divide --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

150-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 151 Danaher --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

151-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 212 North Flint Range --

CLOSED

-- 222 East Pintler --

CLOSED

-- 223 West Pintler --

CLOSED

-- 240 West Bitterroot --

Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 16-18): Lee Metcalf Refuge

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

240-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 250 West Fork Bitterroot --

CLOSED

-- 261 Sapphire Range --

CLOSED

-- 270 East Fork Bitterroot --

CLOSED

-- 280 North Blackfoot --

CLOSED

-- 312 Pioneer --

Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 16-18): Poindexter Slough Area south of Dillon

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

312-20: 8 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 313 Crazy Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

313-20: 84 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 314 Gallatin Range --

Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 16-18): Beattie Gulch subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice; Gallatin Special Management Area; Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

314-20: 30 licenses. Gallatin Closed Area has been renamed the Gallatin Special Management Area - closed to Mtn Goat hunting.

- Sep 01 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 316 Cooke City --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

316-20: 12 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 320 Tobacco Root Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

320-20: 3 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 321 Medicine Lodge-Big Sheep --

CLOSED

-- 322 South Big Hole --

CLOSED

-- 323 South Absaroka --

Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 16-18): Deckard Flats: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice; Gardiner closed to all hunting

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

323-20: 38 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 324 Spanish Peaks --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

324-20: 6 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 29 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

447 Square Butte: That portion of Chouteau County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Geraldine, then southeasterly along Route 80 to Arrow Creek, then southwesterly up said creek to the Geyser-Geraldine County Road, then northerly along said road to Geraldine, the point of beginning.

453 South Big Belt Mountains: Those portions of Meagher and Broadwater Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at White Sulphur Springs, then south and westerly on U.S. Highway 12 to the junction of state highway 284 (east of Townsend), then north on said route to the junction of the Confederate Gulch-Benton Gulch Road (County/USFS Rd #287), then northeasterly and easterly on said route to the junction of state highway 360, then southeasterly on said route to White Sulphur Springs the point of beginning.

460 Highwood Mountains: Those portions of Cascade, Chouteau and Judith Basin Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Geyser, then northwesterly along U.S. Highway 87 to Belt Creek, then northerly down said creek to the Milwaukee Railroad right-of-way, then northerly and easterly along said right-of-way to State Route 80 at Geraldine, then southwesterly along the Geyser-Geraldine Road to Geyser, the point of beginning.

514 Line Creek: That portion of Carbon County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Red Lodge, then easterly along Route 308 to Belfry and its junction with Route 72, then southerly along said route to the Montana-Wyoming border, then westerly along said border to Rock Creek, then northerly and easterly down Rock Creek to Red Lodge, the point of beginning.

517 Rock Creek: Those portions of Carbon and Park Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Red Lodge, then southerly and westerly up Rock Creek to the Montana-Wyoming border, then westerly along said border to Big Moose Lake and Russell Creek, then northerly up Russell Creek through Widewater, Fox and Russell Lakes to Dead Horse Lake, then easterly over the Broadwater River-East Rosebud Divide to Fossil Lake, then northerly and easterly down East Rosebud Creek to Roscoe, then southerly and easterly along Route 78 to Red Lodge, the point of beginning.

518 Froze-to-Death: Those portions of Park, Carbon and Stillwater Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Roscoe, then southwesterly up East Rosebud Creek to Fossil Lake, then westerly over the Broadwater River-East Rosebud Divide to Dead Horse Lake, then southeasterly down Russell Creek through Russell, Fox and Widewater Lakes to Big Moose Lake and the Montana-Wyoming border, then westerly along said border to the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River, then northwesterly up the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River to the mouth of the Broadwater River, then northwesterly up said river to Zimmer Creek, then northerly up Zimmer Creek to Iceberg Peak and Grasshopper Glacier, then northeasterly down West Rosebud Creek to East Rosebud Creek, then northerly up said creek to Roscoe, the point of beginning.

519 Fishtail: Those portions of Stillwater and Park Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Fishtail, then southwesterly up West Rosebud Creek to Grasshopper Glacier and Iceberg Peak, then southeasterly down the Broadwater River to the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River, then southeasterly down said river to the Montana-Wyoming State Line, then westerly along said line to Highway 212, then northwesterly along said highway to Daisy Pass-Lake Abundance Road, then northwesterly along said road to its junction with the Stillwater River, then northerly down the said river to Nye and its junction with Route 419, then easterly along said route to Fishtail, the point of beginning.

Obtain A License Or Permit

- Only one license or permit of any type may be purchased each year, unless otherwise specified and allowed in the regulations, such as a hunter may purchase more than one deer B license.
- Many licenses or permits may be purchased from license providers or online licensing. Some licenses and permits are available only through a special drawing.
- Refer to the Licenses Available Chart for a complete list of resident and nonresident licenses and application or purchase deadlines.

Online Licensing

- You may apply for special permits and/or licenses and purchase many general hunting licenses from FWP Online Licensing between approximately 5:15 a.m. and 11:45 p.m., MST, 7 days a week within applicable sales dates.
- Go to <https://app.mt.gov/Als/Index> and follow the instructions.
- Online purchases must be made by using a debit card, MasterCard, Visa or American express credit card.
- Montana residents must have purchased a conservation license through the automated licensing system (ALS) in a previous license year and have an ALS number to buy licenses online. See Residency.
- Don't wait until the last minute to buy your hunting license online as carcass tags are mailed to you within 10 days of your purchase.
- All online license purchases and applications are final, and cannot be changed or withdrawn.

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC)

Montana is a member of the IWVC. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing or trapping privileges. It is illegal for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

Residency

- It is illegal to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or duplicate resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license.

Resident

- To be a legal Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, as per MCA 87-2-102, you must:
 - have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
 - register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
 - be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
 - not possess (or have applied for) any current resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
 - file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
- Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person:
 - claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose; or
 - is an absentee property owner paying property tax on property in Montana.
- To purchase an annual resident conservation license you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC) or a valid Tribal Identification Card.
- If your MDL or MIC was issued less than six months ago, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.

Nonresident

- Montana's nonresident guests are eligible to purchase or apply for most Montana fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the special license and/or permit quota for a district. The Licenses Available Chart provides details.
- Nonresident unmarried minors, at least 12 but not older than 17 years of age, can hunt in Montana as a resident if the minor's parents, legal guardian, or parent with joint custody, sole custody, or visitation rights is a legal resident of Montana.

Armed Forces

- A member of the regular armed forces of the United States, a member's dependent who resides in the member's Montana household, or a member of the armed forces of a foreign government attached to the regular armed forces of the United States is considered a resident for Montana hunting, fishing and trapping licenses if:
 - the member was a resident of Montana under the provisions listed under residency at the time the member entered the armed forces and continues to meet these residency criteria; or,
 - the member is currently stationed in and assigned to active duty in Montana, has resided in Montana for at least 30 days, and presents official assignment orders and a certificate verifying successful completion of an approved hunter safety course from any state or province.

Prerequisites

Conservation License

- Each license year, a new Conservation License is required to purchase any fishing, trapping or hunting license(s), or to apply for special licenses/permits. Most licenses can be purchased from any FWP License Provider beginning mid January. The Montana license year begins on March 1 and runs through the last day of February.
- In compliance with the Federal Welfare Reform Laws, Montana law requires each resident and nonresident hunter, including youth, to provide the last four digits of his/her Social Security number when purchasing a Conservation License or obtaining a Conservation License through special drawings.

Hunting Access Enhancement Fee

This is an annual fee and will be charged at the time the hunter purchases his/her first hunting license (including upland and migratory bird).

Hunter Education

Hunter Education Requirements

- If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

Bow and Arrow License Requirements

- A bow and arrow license, plus the proper hunting license is required during the bighorn sheep Archery Only Season.

Bowhunter Education Requirements

- To purchase a Montana bow and arrow license, a hunter must:
 - Provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, or
 - Provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province. If you can no longer produce this license, for a \$5 fee you may sign an affidavit stating that you previously held such a license. The affidavit is available at all FWP License Providers. The affidavit entitles you to purchase a current year's Montana bow and arrow license.
- Duplicates – Montana certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov.

License Type

Conservation License

Prerequisite for all resident and nonresident licenses. It includes the state lands recreation license which is required for hunting, fishing and trapping purposes on State School Trust Lands.

General License

There are no general licenses available for moose, sheep or goat. Resident general licenses for other species may be purchased from any FWP License Provider or online at fwp.mt.gov. They are available to all residents and may be used throughout the state according to the regulations. Nonresidents may apply for/purchase certain general licenses specified for nonresidents in the Licenses Available Chart. Please refer to the hunting district regulations to see how, when and where a general license may be used in each hunting district or portion of a hunting district.

Hunting License

- A hunting license authorizes the holder to hunt the species identified on the license according to the regulations.
- Some licenses are valid only in a portion or portions of a hunting district. Carefully review the legal description of the district for which you are applying. A copy of the "portion of district" legal description is available: online at fwp.mt.gov, click on "hunt planner"; OR by mail from the FWP Wildlife Division, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, or email fwpwild@mt.gov.

Replacements

Replacements of lost, stolen or destroyed licenses may be purchased at FWP offices and FWP License Providers. A second duplicate license for the same species within a two-year period may only be purchased at an FWP office. A person may not replace a license requiring a carcass tag a third time for the same species within a two-year period. A fee of \$5 per license will be charged for each duplicate license.

It is unlawful to:

- Swear or affirm to a false statement in order to obtain a duplicate.
- Possess an original as well as a duplicate license(s). If the original is found, it must be returned to FWP at any regional or area resource office.
- Allow a license of any type to be used by another person.

Special License

- A special license is generally available through the special drawing process. It allows you to hunt in an otherwise restricted area, time period or for a restricted species, usually for a specific sex and age class of animal.

Unlimited Bighorn Sheep Over-the-Counter License

- Certain bighorn sheep licenses with unlimited quotas are available for purchase over-the-counter from License Providers or via the special drawing.
- The license purchase deadline is May 1.
- If you purchase an unlimited over-the-counter license, you cannot apply for the same species through the special drawing process.

SuperTag Lottery

Open to residents and nonresidents.

Species	Deadline to Purchase SuperTag Chances @ \$5 each
Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison, Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat and Mountain Lion	July 2

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances to win a Montana hunting license for antelope, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and/or mountain lion.
- An individual may be successful in winning one or a combination of these SuperTags per year.
- Each SuperTag license allows the hunter to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- The moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat 7-year waiting period does not apply to SuperTags.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via the Internet.
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information visit FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov.

Availability of Licenses

& Permits

You can purchase your fishing license, hunting licenses(s) and apply for special drawings online <https://app.mt.gov/Als/Index>

Drawing Applications and Deadlines

- Resident moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat (MSG) applications are available at FWP License Providers or may be downloaded from the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov.
- Nonresidents may download a MSG application from the FWP website or may call 406-444-2950 to request a MSG application through the mail.
- FWP encourages hunters to apply for special permits/licenses online because safeguards will not accept incomplete applications. Also, your information is retained for future purchases or license applications.

- You may enter your application online, have it entered directly into the system at an FWP office, or you may mail in your application. If the MSG application is mailed, it must be postmarked on or before May 1. The postmark must be an official U.S. Postal Service mark. A postage meter postmark cannot be accepted.
- Both resident and nonresident hunters are eligible to apply for most of the licenses awarded through the special drawings. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the special license and/or permit quota.
- Drawings are based upon the final quotas adopted by the F&W Commission, which may differ from the quotas listed in the hunting district regulations.
- For specific license/permit opportunities, please refer to the hunting district (HD) regulations where you will find a complete listing of all available hunting opportunities for each HD.

Bonus Points

Bonus Points can increase your chances to draw a license or permit.

- Bonus points essentially offer you additional drawing chances and are used for first choice drawings only.
- Existing bonus points will be mathematically "squared" prior to the drawing. That means if you already have 3 "base" bonus points those will be "squared" and you'll then have 9 bonus points going into the drawing.
- If you wish to participate in the Bonus Point program (to use or gain points), make sure to check "YES" on the Bonus Point questions and include the \$20 (nonresident) or \$2 (resident) Bonus Point fee for each license/permit type drawing applied for.
- If you're unsuccessful, you'll be awarded an additional base bonus point for next year's drawing.

- All "base" bonus points accumulate over time until you obtain a license/permit or you fail to participate in the bonus point system for that species. Bonus points are lost if they are not used for 2 consecutive years.
- Bonus points are nontransferable; they cannot be transferred between the species drawings or individuals.
- The base bonus points for a party are the average of their individual base bonus points rounded to the nearest whole number.

Fees and Refunds

- In addition to the cost of each permit or license, there is a \$10 resident or \$50 nonresident nonrefundable application fee for each license or permit you apply for. The fee covers the cost of printing and processing the application.
- In some situations, FWP may refund resident or nonresident – in full or in part – fees for licenses and/or special drawings.
 - The appropriate documentation (death certificate, medical statement, etc.) must accompany the unused license(s) and a signed request form certifying the license(s) has not been used. Nonresident license holders should call 406-444-2950 for information.
 - Situations include:

Reason	Deadline	Refund
Death of licensee	12/31/15	100%
Death of family member	12/31/15	90%
Medical emergency	12/31/15	90%

Call Special Licensing at 406-444-2950

- For applications, detailed eligibility requirements, and information on licenses and permits for hunters with disabilities, contact any FWP office or check the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov.

Special Drawing Results

Dates are approximate		
Species	Drawing Results	Refunds Mailed
Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat	Third week of June	NA
SuperTags for: Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat	After July 13	NA
Check for drawing results at fwp.mt.gov		

Youth & Hunters With A Disability – Opportunities

Youth Hunter

Age	Opportunities and Special Requirements
Available To Resident & Nonresident	
11	<p>A youth 11 years of age who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2016, may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase a hunting license, except spring turkey and spring black bear, and must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of purchase. • Apply for any special drawing, except spring turkey, and must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of application. • After August 15, 2015, hunt any game species for which their license is valid during an open season.
12-13	In order to carry or use a firearm in public, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the child; OR be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, as per Montana law.
Available To Resident Only	
12-17	A youth who has successfully completed a hunter safety and education course, and is purchasing his/her first Montana hunting license, is entitled to receive a Resident Youth Combination Sports License free-of-charge.
14	A youth 14 years of age who purchases a discounted (due to age) general deer or elk license, may use the license throughout the season, even if he/she turns 15 before or during the season.
Available To Nonresident Only	
12-17	Nonresident Youth Big Game Combination Licenses will be sold for \$500.50 beginning Jan 26 to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate-family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older and possesses a current resident deer or elk license or a nonresident big game, elk or deer combination license). The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website and may be processed at any FWP Office. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950



Pass it on.

Share your passion for hunting by becoming a Montana hunter or bowhunter education instructor. It's a great way to give back and be part of the community of volunteer instructors.

Contact your nearest FWP office for more information on how to become an instructor or contact program coordinator
Wayne Cooperider at (406) 444-9947 or wacooperider@mt.gov

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Hunters with a Disability

Resident With a Disability Conservation License

- Residents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, may purchase a conservation license for \$8, which includes fishing, upland game bird (excluding turkey), state waterfowl, and state lands recreational use (required for hunting, fishing and trapping purposes) licenses.
- The license holder may also purchase a general deer and general elk license at a discounted price. Applications for a Resident With a Disability Conservation License are available at all FWP offices and FWP website.
- The certification is valid for the life of the holder or until changed by the Montana Legislature.

Permit To Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHFV)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially non-ambulatory, as defined by State Law, may apply for a PTHFV.
- Specific PTHFV field regulations apply. A copy of these regulations will be provided at the time of certification. Noncompliance may result in loss of this privilege.

Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, may apply for a PTMAE. The PTMAE allows a person with a disability to use archery tackle that supports the bow, and draws, holds, and releases the string to accommodate the individual disability.
- Arrows are not exempt, and must meet requirements for the Archery Only Season.

- This permit does not entitle the holder to use a crossbow during the Archery Only Season.

- The permit only allows modification of legal archery tackle and must be used with a valid bow and arrow license and appropriate hunting license.

If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact :



MonTech at the University of Montana Rural Institute
700 SW Higgins Ave – Ste 200
Missoula MT 59803.
406-243-5751 or toll free in Montana at 877-243-5511.
<http://montech.ruralinstitute.umd.edu/>

General Information

Block Management

The Block Management Program is a public hunting access program in which FWP enters into contractual agreements with private landowners (and sometimes public land management agencies) about how free public hunting access will be permitted and managed on enrolled lands. Through the contractual agreement, a private landowner agrees to allow public hunting on enrolled lands under specified conditions, and FWP agrees to assist the landowner by enforcing the ranch rules adopted through the Block Management contract. Each FWP region annually publishes a regional Hunting Access Guide by August 15th that lists the Block Management Areas (BMAs) enrolled for that year and explains how to gain access to them. For general information about the program, contact FWP at (406) 444-2612 or 444-3798.

Donate Hunting License to Disabled Military Service Member or Veteran—

Residents and nonresidents can donate their Montana hunting license to a disabled military veteran or disabled active duty service member who is working with an organization that uses hunting as part of the rehabilitation process. The disabled person who receives the license will be a Purple Heart recipient and have a 70 percent or greater disability rating:

<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/licenses/donateLicense.html>

Harvest Survey

Montana FWP conducts an annual telephone survey to gather hunting and harvest information from Montana hunters. Wildlife managers use the results to help evaluate hunting seasons and set quotas, season dates and other regulations.

Tapeworm: Protect your Pets

Domestic dogs can pick up a parasite (Echinococcus granulosus) by eating carcasses or organs from infected deer, elk or moose. The domestic dog can then pass it to humans in its feces. If your dog does have access to carcasses, talk to your veterinarian about an appropriate deworming strategy.

Weed Control and Weed-Free Hay

Montana requires use of certified weed-free hay, grain, straw, mulch, cubes, and pelletized feed on federal lands.

Hunters Against Hunger

When you purchase a Montana hunting license you'll have an opportunity to make a donation of \$1 or more to Hunters Against Hunger. Contributions help pay for butchering and distribution of processed game donated to food banks.

Common Sense Precautions When Field-Dressing Big Game

- It is wise to review the proper ways to handle wild meat:
 - Wear rubber (latex) gloves when field dressing game.
 - Minimize contact with animal fluids and brain and spinal tissues.
 - Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing or processing.
- Cook all meat until well done before consuming.

Hunter Landowner

★ STEWARDSHIP PROJECT ★

The Hunter-Landowner Stewardship Project is a program designed to promote responsible hunter behavior and help hunters and landowners build effective relationships based upon mutual respect and understanding.

The program is intended to reach an audience of hunters and landowners. People who complete the program can receive a certificate, bumper sticker, and free cap.

The voluntary information and education program is available at no cost.

Learn more and enroll today at fwp.mt.gov.

Click on "Hunting Links" on the home page.



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On behalf of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and all Montana hunters, we'd like to say "Thanks!" Thanks for providing habitat for Montana's public wildlife resources, and thanks for opening your gates to resident and nonresident hunters.



To report violations on private and public land dial **1-800-TIP-MONT**

Contacts

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks State Headquarters

1420 East 6th Avenue, PO Box 200701,
Helena, MT 59620-0701
406-444-2535

Harvest Reporting1-877-FWP-WILD
.....(1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356

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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Regional Headquarters

REGION 1

490 N Meridian Rd
Kalispell, MT59901
406-752-5501

REGION 2

3201 Spurgin Rd
Missoula, MT59804
406-542-5500

REGION 3

1400 South 19th Ave
Bozeman, MT59718-5496
406-994-4042

HELENA Area Resource Office (HARO)

930 Custer Ave W
Helena, MT59620
406-495-3260

BUTTE Area Resource Office (BARO)

1820 Meadowlark Ln
Butte, MT59701
406-494-1953

REGION 4

4600 Giant Springs Rd
Great Falls, MT59405
406-454-5840

LEWISTOWN Area Resource Office (LARO)

215 W Aztec Dr
PO Box 938
Lewistown, MT59457
406-538-4658

REGION 5

2300 Lake Elmo Dr
Billings, MT59105
406-247-2940

REGION 6

54078 US Hwy 2 W
Glasgow, MT59230
406-228-3700

HAVRE Area Resource Office (HvARO)

2165 Hwy 2 East
Havre, MT59501
406-265-6177

REGION 7

352 I-94 Business Loop
PO Box 1630
Miles City, MT59301
406-234-0900

Contacts Outside Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Montana State Agencies

Agriculture 406-444-3144
Guides & Outfitters..... 406-841-2300
Livestock 406-444-7323
State Lands (DNRC) 406-444-2074
Tourism..... 406-841-2870

Federal Agencies

US Department of
Interior (USDI) 202-208-3100
USDI Fish & Wildlife
Service 406-449-5225
USDA Forest Service406-329-3511
USDI Bureau of Land
Management 406-896-5000
National Weather Service
(Missoula) 406-329-4840

Tribal Lands

Blackfoot Reservation 406-338-7276
Crow Reservation 406-638-2179
Flathead Reservation..... 406-883-2888
.....ext 7200
Fort Belknap..... 406-353-2205
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2015 LICENSE TYPE	Resident COST	NonResident COST	DEADLINE	NOTES
Conservation	\$8.00	\$10.00		Required prerequisite license. Residents aged 12-14 and 62 & older; includes free season fishing, upland game bird (excluding turkey) and state migratory bird licenses.
Antelope – 900 Archery – Drawing	\$19.00	\$205.00	June 1*	
– Disabled – Drawing	\$19.00	\$205.00	June 1*	Special disabled antelope application fee required. For information call (406) 444-2950. Must have a current conservation license to apply.
– Drawing	\$19.00	\$205.00	June 1*	Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Big Game Combination – General Drawing		\$996.00	March 16*	Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF licenses.
– Youth (12 to 17)		\$500.50		Sales begin March 1. Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing licenses. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Bighorn Sheep – Drawing	\$125.00	\$750.00	May 1*	There is a \$10 Resident/\$50 NonResident application fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful in the drawing. Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Bison – Drawing	\$125.00	\$750.00	May 1*	There is a \$10 Resident/\$50 NonResident application fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful in the drawing. Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Black Bear	\$19.00	\$350.00	Spring - April 14 Fall - August 31	Can purchase after deadline dates, but then there is a 24-hour wait period to use license.
Bow and Arrow	\$10.00	\$10.00		
College Student Combination		\$70.00		Certification required for nonresident students attending a Montana college full-time. For information call (406) 444-2950. Available at an FWP office after September 8.
Combat Disabled/Active Duty Veteran – Antelope	\$7.00	\$100.00		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only - For information call (406) 444-2950.
– Deer, General	\$8.00	\$125.00		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only - For information call (406) 444-2950.
– Deer B	\$5.00	\$37.50		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only - For information call (406) 444-2950.
Coming Home to Hunt – Deer Combination		\$592.00	March 16*	Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF. For information call (406) 444-2950.
– Big Game Combination		\$996.00	March 16*	
Deer – General	\$16.00			
– General, Disabled	\$6.50			
– General, Senior	\$10.00			
– General, Youth (12 - 14)	\$6.50			
Deer B – Drawing	\$15.00	\$80.00	June 1*	
– Over-the-Counter and Single-Region Antlerless	\$10.00	\$75.00		Over-the-counter - valid in specific district(s). Purchase beginning August 3.
Deer Combination – General Drawing		\$592.00	March 16*	Includes conservation, deer, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF.
– Landowner Sponsored Drawing		\$592.00	March 16*	
Deer Permit – Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	March 16*	Application fee only - must be used with general deer license.
Disabled Conservation License	\$8.00			Includes free upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & state waterfowl.
Elk – General	\$20.00			
– General, Disabled	\$8.00			
– General, Senior - (62 •)	\$12.00			
– General, Youth (12 - 14)	\$8.00			
Elk B License – Drawing	\$25.00	\$278.00	June 1*	Antlerless only.
– Over-The-Counter	\$20.00	\$273.00		Antlerless only - over-the-counter - valid in specific district(s). Purchase beginning August 3.
Elk Combination – Drawing		\$846.00	March 16*	Includes conservation, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF.
Elk Permit – Drawing	\$9.00	\$9.00	March 16*	Residents must have current year general elk license to apply. Nonresidents must also apply for an elk license when applying for a permit. A permit must be used with a general elk license.

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Hound Training License	\$5.00			
Hunting Access Enhancement Fee (HAEF)	\$2.00	\$10.00		Annual fee charged when hunter purchases first hunting license each year.
Nonresident Montana Native – Bird License		\$30.00		For former resident with current resident relative; other qualifications apply. For information call (406) 444-2950
– Deer License		\$64.00		
– Elk License		\$80.00		
Migratory Bird – (12 - 15)	FREE	\$35.00		Requires a conservation license. Federal Stamp is not required. Nonresident includes an Upland Bird License.
– (16 - 61)	\$6.50	\$50.00		Federal Stamp also required.
– (62 and older)	FREE	\$50.00		Requires a conservation license. Federal Stamp also required.
Moose – Drawing	\$125.00	\$750.00	May 1*	There is a \$10 Resident/\$50 NonResident application fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful in the drawing. Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Mountain Goat – Drawing	\$125.00	\$750.00	May 1*	There is a \$10 Resident/\$50 NonResident application fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful in the drawing. Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Mountain Lion – General License	\$19.00	\$320	August 31	Can purchase after deadline date, but then there is a 5-day wait period to use the license.
– Special License – Drawing – Limited Entry	\$19.00	\$320	August 13**	Application fee is only \$5.00. The license cost must be paid if successful in the drawing.
Off-Highway Temporary Use Decal		\$5.00		
Sandhill Crane – Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	July 30**	Cost is the application fee only.
Sportsman – Military Recognition	\$2.00			Must go through certification process at FWP offices - includes conservation, season fishing, State lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), deer & elk. \$2.00 fee is for HAEF.
– with Bear	\$85.00			Includes conservation, deer, elk, bear, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing.
– without Bear	\$70.00			Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing.
– without Bear – Youth (12 - 17)	\$25.00			Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) season fishing.
– without Bear – Free Youth (12 - 17)	FREE			For first-time ever hunting license after completion of Hunter Education course. Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing licenses.
State Lands Recreational License – (12-17)	\$5.00			Required for recreational use on state school trust lands. The State Lands Recreation License is included in the Montana Conservation License specifically for the purpose of hunting, fishing, and/or trapping (HFT). All other recreational use on state school trust lands requires this State Lands Recreation License.
– (18-59)	\$10.00			
– (60+)	\$5.00			
– (Family)	\$20.00			
Swan Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	Sept 3**	Cost is application fee only.
Turkey General License	\$6.50	\$115.00		If nonresident has already purchased an Upland Bird license, then turkey licenses are \$55 each.
Permit – Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	Spring - March 5* Fall - July 30**	Application fee only - if successful in the drawing, need to purchase turkey license and upland game bird license.
Upland Bird – General	\$7.50	\$110.00		
– (Youth 15 - 17)	\$3.00			
– 3 Day		\$50.00		Valid for three calendar days (which are indicated on the license). Not valid for sage grouse at any time or for ring-neck pheasants during the opening week of the season.
– 3 Day Preserve		\$20.00		Valid only on state-licensed shooting preserves.
Upland Bird & Migratory (12 - 15)		\$35.00		Federal Stamp not required.
Wolf	\$19.00	\$50.00	August 31	Can purchase after the season opens, but then there is a 24-hour wait period to use the license. Limit 5 licenses per hunter.

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